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## Marginal Column

By Susan Strange

## Committee Asks Rush of Imports Urged in House

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

**THE suspension of Marshall Aid to Britain, 18 months before the end of the four year-plan, will strengthen British claims to special treatment and respect from the U.S.—as an equal, or near-equal, and not as just another empty hand in the European bread-queue. These claims, it is thought in London, will now grow very much more insistent, and may lead to a new phase in the Western alliance in which joint Anglo-American leadership will be acknowledged by the other members, and may even be endowed with special powers. This is the real reason why the suspension of Marshall Aid is being regarded in Whitehall not as a disaster but as a specially welcome Christmas present. It is another big step up from an inferior position. An earlier step was gained when the British Treasury won special concessions for itself, as focus of the sterling area, in the European Payments Union.**

**THE British Government is all the more pleased because it has regained the appearance of complete financial independence of the United States — without any of its unpleasant consequences. To begin with, Mr. Gaitskell won a notable point in his recent negotiations with Mr. William Batt, Head of the E.C.A. mission in London, when the word "suspension" was so pointedly substituted for "termination" of Marshall Aid. This gives Britain the right, at any time in the next year and a half, to come back on the Americans for renewed Marshall Plan grants. This extra security does not at the moment seem necessary. As the Chancellor of the Exchequer pointed out, it is a year since Britain depended on Marshall dollars to balance the sterling-area trade accounts. For a year Marshall dollars have gone to swell the dollar reserves. Now, no pain will be felt by anyone on January 1, when the flow of new funds ceases. Plant and raw materials already in the pipeline will go on arriving for some time. Most of the £200 million Marshall dollars still outstanding to Britain's account, in fact, will be for heavy equipment.**

**Justices' Salaries Level with Cabinet**

Salaries of Supreme Court Justices will be pegged to those of Cabinet Ministers while the President of the Supreme Court will get the same stipend as the Prime Minister.

This was decided yesterday evening by the Knesset Finance Committee. The scale they decided upon was:

President	Supreme Court	IL.175	IL.190	Salary Tax-free allowances
Justices	IL.150	IL.160	IL.170	
Judges	IL.120	IL.120	IL.130	
Chief Magistrates	IL.110	IL.110	IL.120	
Magistrates	IL.100	IL.100	IL.110	

There will also be allowances of IL.5 for each child.

### YADIN REPORTS

Rav-Aloof Yigael Yadin yesterday addressed the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on the lessons of the recent army manoeuvres.

## Citrus Growers Ask 12-Shilling Subsidy; Say Future 'Obscure'

The present situation in the citrus industry is critical, representatives of the Farmers' Association told yesterday's meeting of the Knesset Economic Committee. The future of the industry is obscure, and it is necessary that the Government continue subsidizing the industry to maintain it, they said.

Each box of citrus in the first consignment sent to the London market was sold at a 10-shilling loss, owing to the heavy competition of Spanish oranges, and the new purchase procedure in the British market.

The Association delegates demanded a minimum 12-shilling subsidy to reach an average price of 32 shillings per box during the season.

Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, the Finance Minister, who was present at the meeting, rejected their suggestion that the Government give the growers the hard currency earned by citrus sales abroad, if the premiums were not forthcoming.

### Ask Strike's End

The representatives of Truva Export and Yachin, marketing bodies of the cooperative movement, who also attended, seconded the Farmers' Federation's description of the situation, but demanded the resumption of picking and export, since the stoppage of both was even more dangerous to the industry.

The Government premium, they said, should be seven shillings per box. They anticipated that during the course of the season prices would improve to an average of 25 shillings per box, F.O.B. Elbe. They also agreed that the citrus industry would need Government subsidies for years to come. They expressed their appreciation for the Government's help in extending IL.4m. in long-term loans, as well as allocations from the Export-Import Bank loan.

Another meeting is sche-

## Citrus Farmers Fail To Reach Decision

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Citrus Control Board met informally at Hakirya today. Representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Agriculture were present, but the Ministry of Trade and Industry representative was absent.

Delegates of the Farmers' Federation had expected the three Ministers would be present. Because of their absence only an informal meeting was held. No agreement on a reply to the Government proposals was reached, and no further meeting was scheduled.

A meeting of delegates of the Farmers' Federation and of the Yachin Cooperative was also held today. The private growers are continuing their work stoppage. Those marketing fruit through the Histadrut are still picking and packing, although on a reduced scale.

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### Gov't to Consider Moving Ministry

The Government is expected to consider moving the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Jerusalem after the Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, returns from his vacation in France, a Government spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday.

He indicated that the Government was more inclined to make the transfer now than it had been previously.

The spokesman also told a press conference that the fight against the black market was continuing unabated. While there appeared to be fewer instances of illegal dealings, he said that raids and searches would continue as long as necessary to wipe out all traces of the black market.

### Appeal for Capital

A number of members called upon Jews in Europe to learn their lessons from the recent war and to transfer at least part of their possessions to Israel. Mr. Herbert Foerder (Progressives) urged more attractive rates of exchange that have not been executed within specified period.

### \$35 m. LOAN FROM U.S.A.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (INA). — The United States Export-Import Bank is expected to announce this evening its approval of a \$35m. loan for Israel for agricultural purposes.

The Committee also decided to re-visit all prisons in the country, after having heard a report of the situation in the prisons from Mr. R. Salomon, Director of Prisons.

The abolition of the death penalty was also discussed yesterday in the Legal Committee of the Knesset, which decided to hear 13 more witnesses, including representatives of the Chief Rabbinate, the Moslem and Christian religious communities, judges, prosecutors and the commander of the prison where the eight condemned men are confined.

### Starvation Threat

Mapai members from agricultural settlements, such as Ein Harod and Mr. Shmuel Dayan of Nahal, renewed their demands for greater emphasis upon agricultural production. They urged that in view of the threatened world war which might cause starvation

Conspicuously absent from the chorus of those fearing war were the voices of the left-wing opposition. Dr. Moshe Sneh and Mr. Berl Repetur of Mapam did not explain their sang froid. But Mr. Shmuel Mikunis (Communist) was explicit.

"There is no cause for panic," the Communist leader said. He felt that the setback sustained by the Western Powers in the Far East would deter the "warmongers" from starting another war.

Hence, he felt that those in the Knesset who placed emphasis upon laying in stocks would dissipate the nation's resources which should be directed to the increase of production. He joined the Mapam members who advocated stricter controls and more planning to mobilize all the resources of the country for a great effort to increase production.

### Sharett Confers With Ministers to Europe

PARIS, Tuesday (INA). — The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, yesterday conferred with Mr. Maurice Ben Gurion in his capacity as Minister of Defence.

A Civil Defence Bill is to be introduced shortly in the Knesset by Mr. David Ben Gurion in his capacity as Minister of Defence.

The bill provides for the establishment of an A.R.P. (Haga) Organization. Two thirds of its budget will be covered by local authorities and the balance by the Government, according to the New Year.

This was announced yesterday in Jerusalem after a two-hour meeting between the senior Israeli member of the M.A.C., Sagan-Aloof Shaul Ramati, and his Jordan counterpart, Azmi Bey Nashashib.

A "wide range of matters" was discussed at the meeting, it was said.

Representatives of both countries on the survey team are studying last week's findings and conferring with their respective governments.

### Syrians Threaten Israel Fishermen

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Threatening to open fire, Syrian soldiers under the command of a lieutenant this morning compelled Migdal fishermen to leave their nets at the point where the Jordan enters Lake Tiberias.

Both banks of the river are inside Israel. Syria's frontier and its positions are 300 metres distant from the eastern bank.

The fishermen who work on the western bank, pointed out to the Syrians that they were on Israeli territory and that they had no right to give them orders.

The Syrian officer then ordered his men to take up positions, and threatened to open fire. A complaint has been lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

The fishermen point out that this was not the first provocation and that a fortnight ago they were stoned by Syrian soldiers.

### M.A.C. Survey Team To Meet in 1951

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An army officer to be appointed by the Minister of Defence will head the "Haga" force which will comprise army reservists and volunteers.

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### Proposals Made To End Port Dispute

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The findings of Mr. A. Wertheim, head of the Labour Relations Department of the Ministry of Labour, regarding the Tel Aviv port dispute, were sent today to the Marine Trust, Ltd., and the local Labour Council.

Mr. Wertheim supports most of the demands for higher wages, including a 250 pruta daily bonus for those labourers who work at sea.

He maintains, however, that increments should be paid as from 1948 and not from 1949 as requested by the workers. With regard to social services, he proposed that for 1951 they be retrospective to 1948.

The proposals are to be discussed by the Labour Council and the Histadrut later this week.

### Cable Link Still Closed by Strike

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The only submarine cable link with the outside world is still cut, following the collective resignation of Telegraph Department employees, formerly of Cable and Wireless, Ltd.

A total of 12,822 boxes of citrus were sent during the week ending December 25. Shamout type oranges were sent for 26,644 boxes, grapefruit 26,362, and lemons 5,630.

The cable and wireless offices were closed, and all the telegraph traffic is being diverted through the radio station in Tel Aviv.

### Israel Has Peace Role—Stassen

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Agriculture Minister Pinhas (ITIM). — Israel can play a big part in the maintenance of world peace because it is accepting immigrants from all parts of the world, Mr. Harold Stassen, U.S. Progressive Party leader, said here tonight. He later left for South Africa.

This afternoon he met Prime Minister Ben Gurion at his home in Jerusalem. He also met Prof. S. Brodetsky, President of the Hebrew University, and delivered a message from Zionist students of the University of Pennsylvania, of which he is President, who sent greetings from the Inter-collegiate Zionist Federation of America.

During his brief stay, he had informal talks with Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan. Another meeting is sche-

### Lie Warns Of Fresh Attacks If Korea Lost

OSLO, Tuesday (Reuters).

The U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, said today that if the Communist aggression in Korea was not "repulsed or stemmed," it would be impossible to realize other United Nations aims.

The spokesman also told a press conference that the fight against the black market was continuing unabated. While there appeared to be fewer instances of illegal dealings, he said that raids and searches would continue as long as necessary to wipe out all traces of the black market.

### 8th Army Imposes Full Censorship

TOKYO, Tuesday (AP).

A full censorship is now operating at U.S. HQ in Korea.

The five agencies accredited to Li-General Matthew Ridgway's HQ are limited to the use of two controlled phones.

The 8th Army holds a daily briefing session after which correspondents are limited to 30 minutes in which to write dispatches and preface them for censorship.

There is limited censorship at MacArthur's HQ, where copy must be submitted for clearance, but there is no control of communications to the U.S.

### Truman Cuts Holiday For Defence Talks

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuters).

President Truman arrived here tonight for discussions with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

"A realistic view of the situation as it is today gives me the hope that a solution will be found satisfactory both for a free Korean people and for U.N."

Mr. Lie said the world had great sympathy for China, and would be glad to cooperate with her, but added: "Respect for peaceful negotiations as a means to secure international collaboration must be established."

### China Appeals For Korea Evacuation

HONG KONG, Tuesday (AP).

— China's military leader, Chu Teh, today warned U.N. troops to leave Korea, told the U.S. to pull military forces from Formosa and demanded a seat in the United Nations. Chu said in a broadcast from Peiping:

"The Chinese people have time and again expressed their desire for a settlement of the Korean war but the imperialists have stubbornly rejected a peaceful settlement. We still hope now that the Korean war can swiftly achieve peace. We insist that all foreign troops swiftly withdraw from Korea. Domestic affairs in Korea can be settled by Koreans themselves."

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General MacArthur, in a personal communiqué early today, said the withdrawal of the 10th Corps from Hungnam in the east coast had completed the readjustment of United Nations troops forced by the Chinese entry into the Korean war.

Reviewing events after China's invasion, the Commander-in-Chief said: "We exposed before it was too late secret political and military decisions of enormous scope and threw off their balance enemy military preparations aimed at surreptitiously massing power capable of destroying our forces with one mighty extended blow."

The Allied advance towards the Manchurian border was the final stage of Chinese aggression, General MacArthur said.

(AP, Reuters, U.P.)

### Fierce Battle North of Seoul

TOKYO, Tuesday. — South Korean and Chinese troops today tangled in a fierce battle just south of the 38th Parallel, and 47 kilometers northwest of Seoul.

The endangered South Korean capital was being rapidly emptied by citizens fleeing from the gathering onslaught. The battle was joined about 16 kms. east of Kaengtong, transport centre between Pyongyang to Seoul, captured yesterday.

R.O.K. Force HQ described the action as "fierce" and announced that Communist patrols were sparring with U.N. forces all along the South Korean-held section of the front. The Chinese probe is now in its sixth day but the major assault is still to come.

The U.S. 10th Corps, evacuated safely from the Hungnam beachhead yesterday has now linked up with the 8th Army to form a 250



# Today's POST BAG

## THE WEATHER

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Mr. Canavan	45	8	15	13
Harts	45	8	20	13
Natanya	50	10	23	21
Hakirya	47	8	20	21
Lydia	50	7	23	22
Jaffa	51	10	18	15
Bethlehem	4	—	—	—

**FORECAST:** In the morning, cold with light rain in North and in the hill region. In the South, no rain is expected.

\*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. yesterday.  
C) Maximum temp. yesterday.  
D) Maxima temp. expected today.

Fishing for rainbow trout has been forbidden until November 27, 1951, by order of the Minister of Agriculture.

Lawyers now in ma'arot, and other camps, should communicate the following to their addresses to the following to obtain details of the examinations: Tel Aviv — Dr. H. Leibovitz, c/o Rodi 28 Rehov Ahad Ha'am (Phone 2288); between 4 and 5 p.m., Tel Aviv — Dr. A. Goberman, c/o Argaman 18 Rehov Yerushalayim from 4 to 5 p.m.

More than 400 social welfare councils are at present operating throughout the country.

A six months' course for the training of hospital dieticians will be opened in mid-January. Candidates should apply to the Nutrition Guidance Bureau, 23 King Solomon, Jerusalem.

**Part of I.P.O. Leaves Today**

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (ITIM). — Members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will leave for their North American tour in two groups, it was learned here today.

The first group is to leave by El Al plane tomorrow for London, whence they will continue by another plane. The second group will leave Lydda by El Al's new Constellation direct for New York on Thursday.

Mr. Leonard Bernstein, the pianist-conductor, and his sister, Miss Shirley Bernstein, left by air today on their way back to the U.S.

**Israel-Iceland Trade Agreement Approved**

The first trade agreement between Israel and Iceland, providing for the exchange of IL 80,000 worth of frozen fish for Israel textiles and toilet articles, was approved yesterday by the Barter Committee of the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

One-third of the imports will be paid in sterling.

**Opening of Hamashbir Store Protested**

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The opening of a large Hamashbir-Hamerkazi general store in Migdal Gad was protested by the town's Merchant Association in cables sent to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Trade and Industry today.

The Association claimed that private tradesmen, most of them immigrants, would suffer from the cooperative's competition.

**Ration News**

On December 26, 1950, 500 grams, children to two years of age, Shiva Alph 26, Tomatos 250 grams, Tuna 250 grams, meat in sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 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**In the past fortnight the Army Chief of Staff has found it necessary in the interests of the security of the State to Censuring daily news-Government papers, each for a day. One of the two papers is the official organ of the country's leading political party, and the other the daily with the largest circulation. Both cases were fully reviewed by a joint Army-Press Tribunal which had been set up by agreement between the General Staff and the Editors' Committee after prolonged negotiations, and whose chief purpose is the "trial and punishment" of papers accused of infringement of censorship orders. In one case it was a headline that was objected to, in the other an article written by a person whose position would normally give any editor the right to assume its admissibility. Nevertheless it was published in defiance of a censorship ban, and for that reason the Tribunal decided unanimously on a severe fine, namely IL.200. In both cases, however, the Chief of Staff considered that the punishment was not suited to the crime and decided on the corporal sentence of suspension.**

There has been occasion before to object to punishments imposed administratively, especially when it is possible to draw an impenetrable veil of "security" over the workings of the authority in question. Inevitably, the chances are that official zeal will outstrip official discretion just where restraint and deliberation are of the essence, and the public suffers or individuals are penalized without redress and with little opportunity to make their side of the case heard. Censorship does not permit us to discuss in detail what were the offending items in the two contemporaries that were suspended, but it can be said that their guilt was not incitement to revolt. The freedom of expression which all would wish to see upheld in Israel demands a protest against this apparent extravagance of military severity, and a protest against the regime of government by administration in which such things are possible.

Ominous examples begin to multiply of a too facile resort to executive short-cuts for the imposing of the official view. A particularly questionable example was the administrative prohibition of the use of the German language in public entertainments. The procedure must arouse misgivings as to the validity of any such ban should it be challenged in a court of law. The General Staff should not be the sole arbiter in Press indiscretions, and this is the institution of the Joint Committee recognized. If the Chief of Staff had sufficient cause to reject the Committee's verdict, he should not be unwilling to disclose these to the public, for this is a matter mainly concerned with the punishment imposed, and not with the military importance of the original offence. Further, the order closing these papers was made under the Emergency Regulations gazetted in this country in 1945 by a hostile White Paper administration concerned with suppressing an opposition Press. It is time the Knesset reviewed these regulations and deleted those which are no longer fitting for a government elected by the people.

## BOUNDARY HUNTING IN THE WADI ARABA Definitions Determine Negev Dispute

By M.Y. Ben-Gavriel

THE technical commission, consisting of representatives of Israel and Jordan, was charged by the Mixed Armistice Commission with a two-fold task: to determine and to map both the exact course of the international boundary and the position of the road in the disputed areas of Wadi Araba between Kilometres 78 and 74 along the new road to Elath.

The main question is essentially this: is the border defined in the Order in Council of 1922 as "the centre of the Wadi Araba," the line as it appears on the original 1:250,000 Rhodes Map, or the border marked on the British army 1:100,000 map used by the Arab Legion?

The representatives of Jordan declared that they would only recognize a boundary to be determined in the immediate vicinity of the border line marked on the 1:100,000 map.

The Jordan concept of "disputed area" comprises, therefore, only the immediate vicinity of the stretch of road in question. The Israel representatives, on the other hand, assert that it is more than doubtful whether the border line as drawn on this map represents what was really meant by the Order in Council. The Order in Council of 1922 defined the border as the "centre of Wadi Araba." The following year the Assistant Secretary of the Palestine Government, Mr. Richmond, referred the passage to the Attorney General, Mr. Norman Bentwich, who agreed with his interpretation that the "centre" meant a line connecting the lowest points and this was the interpretation accepted by the M.A.C.

**Watershed**

The difficulties of the survey result from the fact that this area of the Arabs forms the watershed between the Red Sea and the Dead Sea. While only a few kilometres to the north and south of the disputed stretch, very typical and easily recognizable watercourses delimit indispicably the international boundary as the "line connecting the deepest points."

**Road Measurements**

There was no difference of opinion regarding the first step of the survey. It consisted of measuring the disputed stretch of road and marking it on the map which did not yet include the new road. It was a joint task. The basic selection was determined in the east by a trigonometrical fixpoint in Jordan territory and by a second fixpoint in the west in Israel. From these two trig-



The Israel-Jordan Mixed Survey Team at work near Kilometre 78 on the Elath Road. A U.N. observer, Capt. Bouteille, peers through a theodolite while, at right, Rav Serein Adelman of the M.A.C., Dr. G.W. Stern of the Israel Hydrological Service, and the author (left) study a map on the bonnet of a Jordan desert jeep. Seated next to the Legionnaire is an Israel soldier.

Hydrological Service Photo

one is, according to Israel, points the position of the road. The question was whether they should be sought along the road, that is, in the immediate vicinity, or in the entire strip of the Arabs between the two mountain ranges bordering it to the east and to the west, and which define the Arab depression as a geographical unit.

**Corporal's Boundary**

The mixed survey teams each consisted of one Israeli and one Jordan surveyor and one U.N. officer. The jeep was manned by an Arab legionnaire and an Israeli soldier. In addition to these there were advisory experts for each side. The communications between the teams was established by a wireless operated by U.N. officers. In this manner both parties assured themselves of the highest control and precision in determining the geographical position of the disputed stretch of the road. This part of the task of the survey team was successfully completed. This however did not solve the problem as to where the line of the international boundary was situated, for, as already indicated, no agreement could be reached as to the area where the search for the deepest points should be carried out.

**Crowded Buses**

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,— Today, Friday, at 1 o'clock I bought a ticket for Nathanya, at the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station, having been told at the Enquiry Office that buses for Nathanya leave every half hour.

**Artificial Soap**

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,— Your story about the "Red Indian's Soap" with clay filler awakes most unpleasant memories in those of us who were in Germany during World War II. There

such as "Ersatz"-soap was in

use.

**Swissair**

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,— Perhaps you could be kind enough to furnish me with the address of the "black-market" where one can purchase a small quantity of cotton-wool.

**Yours, etc.**

M. BENIACH

Tel Aviv, December 1.

**Egged Reply**

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,— We regret to inform you that on Friday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 3.30 there is a great difficulty for travellers, because the day is short, and most of the passengers crowd the station during these hours.

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**BEVIN RECOGNIZES INDIA'S LEAD U.K. Goes Slow on Korean Crisis**

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON.—

THE Korean crisis has had a curious effect on Britain's domestic politics. For a long time it had been tacitly taken for granted that British and American party line-ups, more or less corresponded, so that the Conservatives could feel at home with Senator Taft's friends across the Atlantic, while Labour cheered for the Fair Deal and President Truman. This illusion was dispelled when the Congressional elections last November brought an accession of strength to the anti-European wing of the Republican Party.

But it took MacArthur's disastrous offensive at the end of November, and the "bomb Manchuria" howl which followed it, to awaken the Conservatives from their dream of teaming up with the American Right against Socialism and New Dealism. Some of the Tory back-benchers in the House of Commons are still hankering after such an alignment, but they have been effectively silenced.

**Influence on Dominions**

Broadly speaking, the Conservative Party agrees with the U.S. Administration's line on the handling of the Far Eastern crisis, while the Government and the Labour Party are perceptibly to the left of the Truman-Acheson position on Korea. This fact came out very clearly in the debates which preceded and followed Mr. Attlee's visit to Washington. It can be said that Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden, if they were in office at this moment, would go along with the U.S. in a policy of "limited war" against China, without adopting the full-blooded tactics advocated by the MacArthurs. What is holding the Americans back is the influence of the Labour Government, of the British Dominions—especially

Canada and Australia—and critical career. It was very calm, very massive and very judicious—much more impressive than Churchill's flamboyant oration, which clearly suggested that he favoured digging in along the 38th parallel and bombing China from the air. The House was very quiet while Bevin explained why he thought this was a good moment for making the Peking Government a member of the Security Council and recognizing its claims to Formosa. At one point he said, without lifting his voice: "I am sure that anyone who is foolish enough to attack Manchuria will start another world war."

**Warning on India**

He also said he thought it was important to keep in step with India, and met Tory interjections, again very quietly, by saying: "You may laugh at India, but if you ever come to power again and don't learn to treat these people right, this country will pay a price." It was said without a trace of the old egotism, almost without emotion, rather in the way a grown man talks to unruly children. The House was impressed.

The danger will of course continue until the Chinese can somehow be got to realize that they will be cutting off their own noses if they take this chance to inflict an intolerable humiliation on the Americans. "Face" counts for a great deal more in America than it does in the Orient! Even as it is, American liberals like Senator Douglas—a Quaker, an ex-Socialist, a college professor and a known friend of Europe—talk of using Chiang Kai-shek's troops in Korea. The moment has been well chosen by "President" Syngman Rhee for sending one of his increasingly rare supporters, an official with the improbable name of General Sun Suk, to represent the South Korean Government at Chiang's headquarters on Formosa. These two refugee governments are now in the position of having no hope left unless they can somehow provoke war between America and China. They are getting all the help possible from Mr. Henry Luce and the anti-Administration mob in Congress, to say nothing of MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo. All things considered, Attlee's visit to Washington probably came in the nick of time.

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